

**BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Deputy Mayor Gamble and Councilor Washington

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. **No quorum present.**

**Discussion regarding possible uses for the Farmer's Exchange site**

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that she would like the owner to consider submitting a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a developer to develop the property.

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager stated that this process can be facilitated by the Economic Development Commission (EDC).

**Update on the old Valco property**

Mr. Don Gersham, developer of the property will attend the next scheduled Economic Development Commission meeting in December, to present the conceptual plans for a Hampton Inn hotel and restaurant.

There were also some preliminary discussions for an Aldi's supermarket to be placed at the old Valco site. This idea was not a favorable recommendation from the Planning department at Town Hall.

In addition to these ideas, the committee members also discussed with the Town in working on agreement with the University of Hartford to install a road to increase economic development opportunities in Bloomfield. Several land parcels could be sold if the property was developed. If any were to sell, the town would be reimbursed for payment of the paved road (Goodman Street).

### **Discussion regarding available land parcels for Habitat for Humanity**

Mr. Schenck, Jr., reported that Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning is working on developing a list of land parcels available to build for Habitat for Humanity. Most of the parcels available are in the southeast portion of town.

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that she would like to see homes built on South Cottage Grove Road to revitalize that neighborhood.

### **Other Business**

Deputy Mayor Gamble stated that she will report at the next subcommittee meeting, the updated status of the design for the “Welcome to Bloomfield” signage project with the art students at the University of Hartford.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Gamble, seconded by Councilor Washington and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 7:30 p.m.